

Terry Stop and Frisk Checklist

☐ Is there reasonable suspicion supported by articulable facts the person is involved in criminal activity to stop the person?

☐ Is there a reasonable belief that the person is armed and dangerous,

AND

☐ can the officer specify the particular facts on which he based his belief that the suspect was armed and dangerous?
(A mere general concern for officer safety is not sufficient.)

☐ Did the officer exceed the scope of a proper pat-down?

- Officer is confined to patting the outer clothing of the suspect for concealed objects which might be used as instruments of assault.
Sibron v. New York, 392 U.S. 40 (1968)

- Officer cannot forcefully reach into pockets and the like under Sibron

☐ During pat-down, was incriminating nature of object...

- immediately apparent
- or did officer have to manipulate the object through a further search to determine whether it was contraband?
Minnesota v. Dickerson, 508 U.S. 366 (1993)